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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Applicant's admitted prior art" in view of United States Patent No. 5,108,309 to Oda et al. Applicants again traverse this rejection and request reconsideration thereof in view of the following remarks, which remarks incorporate previously provided arguments and new arguments.

The present invention relates to an electrical connector composed of a female connector and a male connector engageable therewith. An insulated housing, as the principle part of the female connector, has compartments formed side by side to discretely accommodate therein socket contacts each lying on its side and secured on a wire end. A lance is formed integral with each socket contact and facing